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Webchat Moderator: 请直接提交问题,我们会选择有代表性的问题在 21 日下午 3:30 集中回答。 Please submit your questions. We will answer questions that most people concern on Jul 21 at 3:30pm.

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Hello, everyone and welcome to this immigrant visa chat forum held by U.S. Consulate Guangzhou, China. My name is Arturo Hines and I'll be happy to take your questions and help you as best I can.

Joanne Zhou: Dear Mr. Arturo Hines : Good afternoon, thank you for taking time to read my message ! I got the new form your website of Immigrant visas Announcement , It's about " NVC pilot program of electronically processing visa petitions " I was wondering how can I apply to join in this program. My Visa Category is CR1, I sent the notarial certificate to the NVC Three months ago, but has not received the further reply at present , I hoped my files may transfer to China as soon as possible , I am anxiously awaiting your reply .Thank you so much! May I have your personal email address? Joanne Zhou Email address : zhouzhaoxin88@21cn.com

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Dear Ms. Zhou, thank you for your question. We are very excited about the pilot program we have with NVC to process immigrant visa applications more quickly. Under this program all documents related to your case will be sent to Guangzhou electronically, rather than by mail. This should greatly improve the speed and efficiency of visa processing by avoiding delays due to postal service delivery. In fact, we have seen that in many cases we can process visas 40 to 50% faster than with paper files. This means cutting six months off processing time in some cases! I should clarify that the electronic processing option is available only for the U.S. Consulate Guangzhou, China and will initially be available only to immediate relatives of U.S. citizens over the age of 21 years (visa categories IR-1, IR-2, CR-1, CR-2, and IR-5). About your case specifically, I'm sorry to hear that you have not received information from NVC. The best way to follow up would be to contact them at their email address on this web page http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info_3177.html I hope this answers your question. If you have others, please write us at the web form on <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/contactiv.html> .

Amanda: Hi, I'm the petitioner I have electronic filing for my parent I got the appointment letter by e-mail there's date and time for their interview but without interview address, so where should they go for it??? And do you know how far they have to take the medical exam before the interview, and how long for them to get the result???

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you Amanda for your question. All applicants coming for interviews should come to our office in Tianyu, in Guangzhou's Tianhe district. Our exact location is 5th Floor Tianyu Garden (II phase), 136-142 Lin He Zhong Road, Tianhe district, Guangzhou. Applicants will get their appointment letter 4-8 weeks before their interview. The medical exam should be taken in advance of the interview to allow enough time for processing—perhaps 4-5 weeks ahead of the interview date. Please note that the time needed to process medical exams will depend on the particular doctor or medical facility. It may take a few weeks to get the result, so it's to do the exam with enough time.

Jing: Dear Mr. Hines, is it possible to reschedule or postpone an interview? We are hoping there are such options for my mother's upcoming interview as my mother needs to look after my Dad due to the recent change in my Dad's health. Will the reschedule bring the negative impact on my mom's future visa interview if there are such options? Thank you so much for your time and I really appreciate it!!!

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. It is possible to reschedule or postpone an interview. To do so, contact us at <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/contactiv.html> with your case number and a brief explanation. And don't worry--rescheduling an interview time will not negatively impact your mother's future visa interview.

D.Galvin: Hello Mr. Hines, Thank you for taking my question. I am a USC who is petitioner for my wife and her interview is scheduled for Monday August 17 at 7:30 AM. I will be there at the time traveling from Ohio but I really don't know what I can do to show the interviewing officer I am there. Since I will not be able to attend the American Citizens Hour to ask this question due to being interviewed in the morning on a Monday, I hope you can tell some helpful tips for a spouse who is in the building but not allowed to wait inside. I will give my passport showing my visits stamps, but should I write a letter or note or have my wife mention this?

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you Mr. Galvin for your question. As you are probably aware, the Immigrant Visa Section of the U.S. Consulate Guangzhou is one of the largest immigrant visa operations in the world by the volume of cases. Each work day the visa waiting room is full of visa applicants waiting to have interviews with consular officers. Due to scarce resources and space constraints, the Consular Section cannot afford extra space to accommodate visa petitioners. Moreover, in an effort to ensure the efficient and orderly processing of more than 130 immigrant cases with hundreds of beneficiaries every day while maintaining other routine consular services available to the U.S. Citizens in the consular district, our office strictly follows State Department guidance to ensure the same level of access is offered to the public, with no special privileges or channels for immigrant visa petitioners. We understand the petitioners are supportive to their beneficiaries and are anxious to know the interview results. The consular officers are well trained with language proficiency and we also have native Chinese speaker available to ensure precise communication at the interview. My advice is that your wife could prepare that information and bring it to the interview. If the officer would like to see it, he or she may request it.

Tony Guan: I have heard that as a U.S. Citizen I can go into the Consulate and talk to the visa officer regarding my case. Can I bring some evidence showing my relationship with my fiancée and have you look at it before the visa interview?

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Mr. Guan, thank you for your question. I just addressed part of it in an earlier reply. About the forum you mentioned, the Immigrant Visa Section, as a courtesy to U.S. citizen petitioners who have questions regarding the immigrant visa PROCESS, has a "petitioner hour" on Monday afternoons in which procedural questions can be answered. The purpose of this session, as indicated on our website, is to provide general information and address frequently-asked questions. The purpose is not--I repeat not--to adjudicate a case or give additional information or revisit a decision that has already been made. I stress this because in the past people have come in on Monday afternoons with the wrong idea. But if your question is about the immigrant visa process, we can help during this Monday afternoon forum. For more information, I would invite you to see our website at http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/immigrant_visas.html .

Andy: Hi, I am petitioning my mother to immigrate. As a university graduate I have no income, but my cousin, the co-sponsor, has demonstrated that he has enough income. Why my mother was denied a visa under public charge?

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. In considering public charge, officers must consider the totality of circumstances surrounding a visa applicant. This can include considering an applicant's age, resources, educational level and health, among other factors. While I cannot comment specifically about your mother's case, I can say that the officer, after evaluating everything--including your co-sponsor's income--determined that your mother was likely to become a public charge. If you (or others reading this) have more questions about specific public charge cases, please write us using the webform at <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/contactiv.html> .

Luo, xiaojun: 你好!今天我母亲按照收到的面试信去面试 被拒签了,理由是 public charge 212(a)(4),请问如果需要重新申请,程序具体应该怎样做?在中国还是美国申请?谢谢!

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. If your mother was refused under INA 212(a)(4), public charge, she does NOT need to start the whole application process all over. Your mother has five years try to overcome a public charge refusal by submitting documents related to her current applications. Your should have received a blue sheet after the interview that explains how she can mail in documents showing that she would not be a public charge if she went to the U.S.. Your mother can do this from China, or her petitioner may do it from the U.S.

Phi An: Hi Mr. Hines, I'm working on the immigration process for my wife who currently resides in China. She was a student in the Netherlands for 3 years and on the NVC site, it stated that the Dutch police clearance gets initiated by the NVC and we cannot individually try to get one. Will the NVC send the Dutch clearance to the US Consulate in Guangzhou automatically? Thanks.

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. Please go to this web link http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/ reciprocity/ reciprocity_3272.html and look at the information on the

Netherlands. There are instructions there for how to contact the U.S. Consulate in Amsterdam to process the police certificate. And for others who may have similar questions about police certificates, please see the same website for information on a specific country.

Jason Wang: Hi, I am married to a US citizen, my spouse has filed CR-1 immigrant visa and K3 non-immigrant visa petition for me. But instructions indicate a different Affidavit of Support (AOS) is required, one is I-864, the other is I-134 form. Shall my petitioner get them notarized?

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Please be advised that immigrant and non-immigrant visa require different affidavit of supports. The I-864 form is for all immigrant visa applications (e.g., IR-1, CR-1, F4, etc.) while I-134 form for non-immigrant ones (e.g., K-1, K-3). Signing Form I-864 and I-134 is under penalty of perjury under U.S. law. For this reason, it is not necessary to sign Form I-864 and I-134 before a notary, nor to have your signature notarized after you sign it. For more information on AOS, please refer to USCIS website www.USCIS.gov

lijuan: 我的 case number 是 GUZ 2009526166 姓名: 李娟。

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. Since I cannot discuss the details of specific cases in this forum, please contact us at the web form found on the web page at this link: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/contactiv.html>

Juanita: Hi Officer Hines, I filed petition for my mother, and we chose the E-file with NVC, our Packet 4 (P4) is just an email with appointment letter. Should we still download and fill out all the forms, hard copy, like with a traditional paper P4?

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. You do not need to download all the P4 forms on our website. All you need to do is download the medical forms and see the panel physician for the medical exam prior to the interview.

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: We have gotten many questions today from students and others about Non-Immigrant Visas to the USA. Thank you, but we are not discussing visitor or student visas (non-immigrant visas) during this session. If you have questions regarding the NIV process please visit website: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-form.html> .

Ed Wu: I like to know the requirements and paperwork that I need to file for my fiancée to immigrate to the US and get marry there...

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. Please go to our website at http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/iv_fags.htm for more information.

Aaron h: Hi my name is Aaron, my fiancée just had a interview on the 6th for k1 visa, she got denied, i don't what's wrong with those people over there. Please help me what should I do next.

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. Your fiancée should have received a sheet with information explaining what to do next. If the sheet is blue, we are likely requesting additional

information and she should provide this to the Consulate as soon as possible. If she received a white sheet, it explains how we will return her case to the Department of Homeland Security for review and possible revocation. This process may require several months.

Benwen Ni: With all document ready, how long the interview process will last? This will help for us to purchase the round-trip ticket from Tianjin to Guangzhou.

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. If your visa is approved, you may have your visa in hand after three business days. But PLEASE NOTE--you should NOT buy your plane tickets to the US or make other major travel arrangements until AFTER you have your printed visa in hand. Sometimes, even though you may have all documents ready, there may be additional processing or matters to clear up and it will not be possible to issue a visa as quickly as you'd like. Each case is different and I cannot say how long the process will take. But if you have all documents ready, this will help things go faster.

Esteban Mayorga: My wife came to the US with a K3 visa. Can she travel back and forth to China with this visa? Is this visa good for multiple entries to the US?

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your good question. The K3 visa is a multiple entry visa. BUT, the visa's validity will be limited according to how long the visa holder's medical report is valid for. So the you will need to pay attention to the visa's validity date, which indicates how long she can use the visa for.

help: My fiancée was just told that she is denied under sec 221(g) ???

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Section 221(g) generally is applied to cases that require further submission of documents, evidence, and review, but that are normally otherwise qualified or not subject to other ineligibilities. If you were refused a visa under 221(g) at your interview and the Consular Officer requested that you provide further information, you should follow the instructions on your refusal sheet and mail the documents directly to the Consulate. Please make sure that you include in your submission all the original refusal sheets that were given to you at the interview. For further information on these and other ineligibilities, please refer to Citizenship and Immigration Services website: <http://www.uscis.gov> .

Faith: My fiancé is a US citizen. He's not self-employed. We're applying for a K1 visa. Will tax returns be needed in the process? Is it a must?

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. If I understand correctly, he has a job and probably filed taxes. So, yes; he would need to submit his most recent tax return as part of the process. We must see it to evaluate his position to support you after immigrating.

Jenny: One of my friends had a bad health check experience in Beijing International travel medicine center. Can he switch to Guangzhou for health check?

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you for your question. We are sorry to hear about your friend's experience. Yes, your friend can do the medical examination at another panel physician in Guangzhou.

高吓美: (17:03) 我是 V92 类型的签证,为什么我儿子已经接到签证通知单了,而我还没有通知,我的申请号码是 A097133851,请帮我查查领事馆有没有收到我的材料

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: I am not familiar with the V92 visa process and would suggest you go to this link <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/cis.html> and see how to best contact the Department of Homeland Security/Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). They can handle V92-related questions.

Consular Officer Arturo Hines: Thank you everyone for your participation! We have received many more inquiries than I could respond to today. Please visit our website at http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/iv_faqs.htm to see if your question has already been answered there. You can also check back on our website in a week and we will have a transcript of today's web chat along with other important questions that perhaps we did not have time for today, but questions we want the public to have correct information on. Finally, I would like to remind everybody that U.S. Consulate Guangzhou does NOT have a "special relationship" with any visa broker, agent or immigration attorney. The Consulate tries to provide as much information or forms for FREE on our website. Please do not listen to those who say that if you pay them money you are guaranteed a visa. If you have specific questions, write to us using the webform at <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/contactiv.html> . Thank you again.